

State Water Resources Control Board

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(Via email and Certified Mail)

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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION; UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SYSTEMS
LOCATED AT ALHAMBRA POLICE FACILITY, 211 FIRST STREET,
ALHAMBRA**

Dear Mr. Austin:

As part of an initiative by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to ensure compliance at government-owned and/or operated underground storage tank (UST) facilities in California, the State Water Board staff inspected the USTs at your facility on April 25, 2016, pursuant to authority under Health and Safety Code (H&SC), chapter 6.7, section 25289.

The State Water Board has identified the following violations pursuant to H&SC, chapter 6.7, and title 23, California Code of Regulations (CCR), chapter 16:

| No. | Violation | Tank | Start Date | Stop Date | Regulation |
|-----|--|--------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Failure to Maintain Spill Containment Requirements – Approximately 2 inches of liquid was observed in the spill containment device; this prevents its ability to hold five gallons. | Diesel | April 25, 2016 | Ongoing | 23 CCR 2635(b)(1) |
| 2 | Failure to Monitor Product Piping – The sensor in the shared vapor recovery sump for the unleaded split tanks is unable to detect a leak at the earliest opportunity because the test boot is on. | T1, T2 | April 25, 2016 | Ongoing | 23 CCR 2630(d) |
| 3 | Failure to Maintain Operating Permit On-Site – The permit to operate was not observed on-site at the time of inspection. | All | April 25, 2016 | Ongoing | 23 CCR 2712(i) |
| 4 | Failure to Perform DO Inspections – The designated operator monthly visual inspection report for May 2015 was not available at the time of inspection. | All | May 1, 2015 | May 31, 2015 | 23 CCR 2715(c) |

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| 5 | Failure to Perform DO Inspections – The designated operator monthly visual inspection report for March 2016 was not available at the time of inspection. | All | March 1, 2016 | March 31, 2016 | 23 CCR 2715(c) |
| 6 | Failure to Provide DO Training – Designated operator employee training documentation was not available at the time of inspection. | All | April 25, 2016 | Ongoing | 23 CCR 2715(f) |
| 7 | Failure to Maintain Facility and Tank Information Forms On-Site – Tank and facility information forms were not available on-site or submitted in CERS at the time of inspection. | All | April 25, 2016 | Ongoing | 23 CCR 2712(i) |
| 8 | Failure to Maintain Monitoring Plan On-Site – Monitoring plans were not available on-site or submitted in CERS at the time of inspection. | All | April 25, 2016 | Ongoing | 23 CCR 2712(i) |
| 9 | Failure to Maintain Monitoring or Testing Records On-site – Spill containment test results for the diesel spill bucket were not available at the time of inspection. | Diesel | April 25, 2016 | Ongoing | H&SC 25293; 23 CCR 2712(b) |
| 10 | Failure to Maintain Site Map – The site map is insufficient; it does not include a scaled diagram which indicates the location of the underground storage tanks (including the tank, piping, and auxiliary equipment) with respect to buildings or other landmarks. | All | April 25, 2016 | Ongoing | 23 CCR 2711(a)(8) |
| 11 | Failure to Notify Local Agency of a Change to the Permit Conditions – The unleaded system was originally approved for premium unleaded but now contains mid-grade unleaded fuel. | T1, T2 | April 25, 2016 | Ongoing | H&SC 25286(a) |
| 12 | Failure to Perform Secondary Containment Testing – The last secondary containment test was performed on March 28, 2013. The next secondary containment test was due on March 28, 2016 and has not been conducted. | All | April 1, 2016 | Ongoing | 23 CCR 2637(a) |
| 13 | Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility – The financial responsibility documents are expired. | All | March 10, 2016 | Ongoing | H&SC 25292.2; 23 CCR 2711(a)(11) |

You are directed to correct the ongoing violations and submit compliance documentation to the State Water Board and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter. Have your Designated Operator make specific notations in the next monthly designated operator report indicating the ongoing violations have been corrected. The monthly designated operator report and any associated photos must be submitted as proof of compliance.

Please send all compliance documentation to the following:

State Water Board

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Pursuant to Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7, section 25299, the owner and operator of the tank(s) are liable for a penalty of \$500 to \$5,000 per tank, per day of violation. These penalties will continue to accrue until the violations have been corrected.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 341-5551, or by email at amantha.henkel@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: See next page.

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